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EDUCATION

Master of Arts, History (in progress)
University of Massachusetts, Boston
Expected graduation May 2027

Bachelor of Science, Psychology and Rhetoric
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

- Invited Lecturer: Howard Dorre, "America at 250: Founding Frenemies and the Rivalries that Shaped the Nation," Houston History Research Center, June 13, 2026.
- Panelist: Howard Dorre, "Joliet's Cataleptic Lunatic: The Strange Case of Lizzie Hebert," Paper accepted for presentation at Conference on Illinois History, Panel Title TBD. (Scheduled: October 1, 2026).
- Panelist: Howard Dorre, "The Name and Meaning of Lyncoya: Andrew Jackson's Indian 'Son,'" Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Conference, Panel "Native Spaces, Places, and Faces," July 30, 2026.
- Presenter: Howard Dorre, "Taft and the Bathtub: Origins of a Presidential Myth," Presentation at UMass Boston History Graduate Conference, April 30, 2026.
- Presenter: Howard Dorre, "[Saving John Quincy Adams from Alligators and Mole People](#)," Presentation at History Camp America conference, July 10, 2021.
- Panelist: "The Women Who Shaped the Early Presidencies," Intelligent Speech Conference, April 24, 2021.

PUBLICATIONS

- Magazines: Howard Dorre, "[Popular Lore Claims That William Howard Taft Got Stuck in a Bathtub. New Research Sheds Light on the Legend's Forgotten Origins](#)," *Smithsonian* magazine, March 23, 2026.
- Howard Dorre, "[How a Stuffed Animal Named Billy Possum Tried—and Failed—to Replace the Teddy Bear as America's National Toy](#)," *Smithsonian* magazine, March 3, 2025.
- Audio: Writer, Host, [Plodding Through the Presidents podcast](#), 100+ episodes, February 2020 – Present.
- Blog: Howard Dorre, [Plodding Through the Presidents blog](#), 150 posts, December 2013 – Present.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor: Cherry Trees and Bathtubs: The History of Presidential Myths, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UMass Boston, (Scheduled: October – November 2026.)
- Instructor: Founding Frenemies: The Friendships and Rivalries that Forged America, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UMass Boston, April – May 2026.

AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Graduate Student Summer Research Award, University of Massachusetts Boston, 2026: Competitive award supporting one month of archival research at The Huntington Library for master's thesis research.
- Discover Pods Awards, Best History Podcast, 2025
- PMP (Project Management Professional) Certification, Project Management Institute, 2018

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Society for Historians of the Early American Republic
National Council for History Education

Organization for American Historians
Project Management Institute
The Podcast Academy